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Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of October 7. In reply I must inform you that The Council restricts its grants to investigators in foreign countries to cases where special opportunities exist that cannot easily be duplicated in the United States.

Our practice is to keep in close contact with our grantees through visitation and this is difficult when they are far away.

We have supported a great deal of work on benzo(a)pyrene and feel that it is not an important factor in tobacco smoke. At present we are concentrating on studies on the steps and stages in the pathogenesis of the non-infectious disorders associated with aging, especially cancer, chronic lung ailments, and disorders of the heart and circulatory system.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Hockett, Ph.D.

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